

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION LAND USE REGULATION COMMISSION 18 ELKINS LANE – HARLOW BUILDING 22 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, ME 04333-0022



PATRICK McGOWAN COMMISSIONER

COMMISSION DECISION IN THE MATTER OF

Plum Creek Maine Timberlands, L.L.C. and Plum Creek Land Company Public Hearing Schedule Zoning Petition ZP 707

Introduction

On April 27, 2007, Plum Creek Maine Timberlands, L.L.C. and Plum Creek Land Company (hereafter, "petitioner") submitted to the Land Use Regulation Commission an amended Petition for Rezoning to implement a concept plan on its ownership in the Moosehead Lake region. LURC staff conditionally accepted for processing the amended petition on May 18, 2007 and informed the petitioner that the conditions associated with the staff's acceptance for processing of the amended petition had been met upon the petitioner's May 31, 2007 submittal of certain materials.

At the June 6, 2007 Commission meeting, LURC staff discussed with the Commission a provisional schedule for certain pre-hearing actions pertaining to Plum Creek's amended petition, which identified October 29, 2007 as the first conceivable start date for public hearings in this matter. The target hearing date in that provisional schedule was premised on Plum Creek responding in a timely manner to all LURC requests for additional information deemed essential by LURC staff in reviewing the petition.

At the September 5, 2007 Commission meeting, LURC staff recommended that public hearings in the matter of Zoning Petition ZP 707 start on November 4, 2007. The Commission accepted the staff recommendation.

At the October 10, 2007 Commission meeting, LURC staff briefed the Commission on the status of the prehearing process and informed the Commission that the petitioner had notified LURC that it intended to file additional amendments to its petition. The Commission voted to rescind its September 5, 2007 decision regarding the hearing schedule and directed the staff to recommend a revised hearing schedule at its November Commission meeting.

On October 26, 2007, the petitioner submitted to LURC the aforesaid petition amendments. Upon receipt of the petition amendments, LURC staff, in consultation with Chair Harvey, established a timetable for the filling of additional pre-filed testimony by intervenors and interested persons and for the filling of additional comments by governmental agencies pertaining to the petition amendments.

Conclusion

Based upon the timing of the filing of the petition amendments and consideration of an appropriate prehearing schedule to allow parties and governmental agencies to absorb and, if they so choose, comment on the petition amendments, the following revised hearing schedule in the matter of Zoning Petition ZP 707 is established:

Public Sessions	Saturday	December 1	Greenville
	Sunday	December 2	Augusta
	Saturday	December 15	Portland
	Sunday	December 16	Greenville
Party Sessions	Week of December 3		Augusta area
	Week of December 10		
	Week of January 14		

The specific times for the public sessions, and the specific dates and times for party sessions within the weeks of December 3, December 10 and January 14, will be finalized by LURC staff in consultation with the Commission Chair.

DONE AND DATED AT ROCKWOOD, MAINE, THIS 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2007.

By: Catherine M. Carroll, Director